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My name is Pierre Hurter.

I have been a scuba diver for almost 10 years. In that time I have logged hundreds of dives in the Monterey Bay area. My wife and I dive the area no less than once a month. I am strongly in favor of and urge you to support Package 2.

I support an unbroken State Marine Reserve from Breakwater to Lovers Point, including Hopkins Deep Reef. Nothing less will satisfy the need to protect this magnificent resource for current and future users.

This area is an International tourist destination which brings tremendous value to the City and County of Monterey in terms of both tourist and divers dollars.

No-take Marine Reserves have been proven in countless studies to both protect marine biodiversity and marine population density but to also enhance the long term viability of non-protected areas and the recruitment of larval offspring to the benefit of extractors.

Package two will keep in place and enhance a world class system of marine reserves and other conservation areas around Pacific Grove and Carmel, especially Pt Lobos and Yankee Point Reef, and the entire Pinnacles area.

Protecting in perpetuity the marine life living at these sites, will benefit not only divers, but in the long run those who make their livelihoods from the fishing and tourist industries in Monterey.

Sincerely,

Pierre Hurter
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